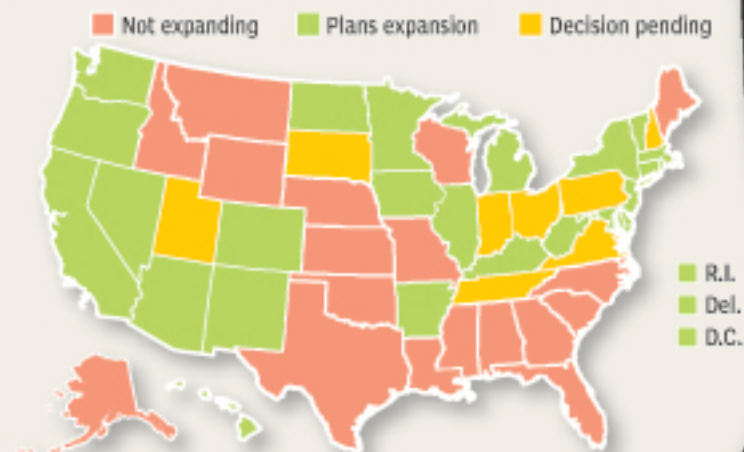


STATE OF THE HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL

MEDICAID EXPANDS IN ABOUT HALF OF STATES

The Supreme Court ruled that states can decide whether to participate in the expansion of Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance plan for the poor. While the expansion is a key part of the plan to extend coverage to low-income Americans, millions live in states that have opted not to broaden the program. Status of the states as of Sept. 10:



HOW MUCH THEY SPEND ON HEALTH CARE

Average per-person health spending since 2007



Average per-person spending by insurance source in 2011

WHERE AMERICANS GET THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE

U.S. average



*Includes other public insurance programs and the self-insured
 Sources: Department of Health and Human Services; Kaiser Family Foundation; Urban Institute

2010

March 23:

President Barack Obama signs the Affordable Care Act. Within minutes, lawsuits are filed in federal courts challenging the law.



Nov. 2: Republicans win control of House of Representatives, partly on a platform to "repeal and replace" the law.

2011

Jan. 13: GOP-controlled House votes to repeal the law on a party-line vote; the measure fails in the Senate.

Jan. 31: A federal judge in Florida rules the entire health overhaul unconstitutional, handing a victory to the 26 states challenging the law.

Aug. 1: HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius declares that most health plans will have to cover birth control for women free of charge, beginning 2013.

Nov. 14: The Supreme Court says it will take up the challenge to the law.

2012

March 26-28:

Supreme Court hears oral arguments on separate aspects of the law.



June 28: Supreme Court rules individual mandate constitutional but that states can decide whether to expand participation in Medicaid.

Nov. 6: Obama elected to second term.

Nov. 8: House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, says "Obamacare is the law of the land." His spokesman adds that Boehner remains "committed to full repeal."

2013

Jan. 1: Tax increases to finance the law take effect on high-income earners.

March 12: A draft of the application for subsidized coverage surfaces; the 15-page, 21-step form is widely jeered for its complexity. A simplified form debuts a month later.

June 28: Facing lawsuits by religious groups, administration issues compromise rules for faith-based nonprofits that object to covering birth control.

July 2: Obama delays until 2015 requirement that companies with more than 50 employees provide coverage for their workers or face fines.